

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

My name is Courtney Flannery. I am a teenager using a prepaid cellular phone. I was given it as a safety measure and rarely use it, but am thankful that I have it. I was recently in a car accident and thanks to a cellular phone, I was able to get help.

I do not want to pay more for my cell phone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable. Being a teen, I have little money to spend on pricey cell phone plans.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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